

HOUSE BILL 1107
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49
and Title 68, relative to meningococcal disease.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 50, is amended by adding the following language as a new section to be designated as follows:

§ 49-6-5005.

Local education agencies shall ensure that schools provide parents and guardians with information about meningococcal disease and the effectiveness of vaccination against meningococcal disease at the beginning of every school year. This information shall include the causes, symptoms, and means by which meningococcal disease is spread and the places where parents and guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations for their children. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a local education agency or school to provide or purchase vaccine against meningococcal disease.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-111(c), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and by adding the following language as new subdivision (2):

(2) The governing body of a public charter school shall ensure that the public charter school provides parents and guardians with information about meningococcal disease and the effectiveness of vaccination against meningococcal disease at the beginning of every school year. This information shall include the causes, symptoms, and the means by which meningococcal disease is spread and the places where parents and guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations for their children.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a public charter school or its governing body to provide or purchase vaccine against meningococcal disease.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 50, Part 8, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

§ 49-50-802.

Non-public schools shall provide parents and guardians with information about meningococcal disease and the effectiveness of vaccination against meningococcal disease at the beginning of every school year. This information shall include the causes, symptoms, and the means by which meningococcal disease is spread and the places where parents and guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations for their children. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a non public school to provide or purchase vaccine against meningococcal disease.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3050, is amended by adding the following language as new subsection (d):

(d) The department of education shall provide annually to home schools information about meningococcal disease and the effectiveness of vaccination against meningococcal disease at the beginning of every school year. This information shall include the causes, symptoms, and the means by which meningococcal disease is spread and the places where parents and guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations for their children. This information may be provided electronically or on the department's web site. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the department of education to provide or purchase vaccine against meningococcal disease.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-1202, is amended by adding the following language as new item (12):

(12) Make available to the department of education sample educational materials on meningococcal disease so that the information required by this act can be provided to parents and guardians. The department of education shall provide information about meningococcal disease including the causes, symptoms, and the means by which meningococcal disease is spread and the places where parents and guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations for their children to local education agencies, public charter schools, non-public schools, and home schools. The department of education may provide this information electronically or on its web site. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the department of education to provide or purchase vaccine against meningococcal disease.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.